

December 8
Morning Service – 9:30 a.m.
Pastor Bartel Elshout

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 109: All*

Reading of the Law—Deuteronomy 5:1–24

Psalter 389:5

Scripture: Genesis 18

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 425:4, 6*

Sermon Text: Genesis 18:16-21

Sermon Theme: Christ Appears to Abraham

- 1. To unveil His plan of redemption**
- 2. To unveil His covenant method**
- 3. To unveil His pending judgment**

Prayer

Psalter 206: All*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 315*

* *Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Genesis 18:16-21 (AM Service)

1. What is a theophany, and why are so many of the recorded in the Old Testament? (Think of some examples).
2. Why was the announcement of Isaac's future birth so very important in the history of redemption?
- 3*. How would God bless all the nations of the world through Abraham?
4. How does the incarnation—God's eternal Son becoming man—reveal clearly what God's good pleasure is?
5. What did Christ mean when He said about Abraham, "I know him"?
6. What would set the children apart from all the nations of the earth?
- 7*. Why was Christ going to pay a special visit to Sodom & Gomorrah?
8. How does this history illustrate that Christ's coming (His first & second coming!) will result in salvation and damnation?

Question for Self-Reflection

- # Have we been blessed by the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into this world?

* Questions for younger children

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Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

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Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 421:1, 4, 5*

Scripture: John 15:1-14

Confession: Belgic Confession, Art. 10 & 11 (pp. 9–10)

Psalter 131:1, 4

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 250:1, 2, 5*

Sermon text: John 15:5 (Lord’s Day 35—2nd Sermon)

Sermon Theme: The Fourth Commandment

1. Calls us to worship God

2. Calls us to live for God

3. Calls us to look for a future with God

Prayer

Psalter 69:1, 2, 6, 7*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 316*

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Lord’s Day 35 (PM Service)

1. Why must God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, be the focal point of the Lord’s Day?
- 2.* What is the meaning of the word “Sabbath,” and why is our Sabbath now observed on the first day of the week?
- 3.* In Isaiah 58:13-14, the LORD tells us how we are to honor the Him on His holy day. What three things does He tell us *not* to do?
4. Why can we call the weekly Lord’s Day a blessed interruption in our busy lives?
5. What vital connection is there between public (corporate) worship on Sunday and private worship during the week?
6. What is meant by the expression that our Christianity must be a 24/7 Christianity?
7. What is meant by the expression that our observance of the Lord’s Day is the litmus test of our religion?
8. How is the biblical observance of the Lord’s Day the beginning of the eternal Sabbath—the eternal rest?

Question for Self-reflection

- # Does our keeping of the Lord’s Day set the tone for the week that follows?

* Questions for younger children

December 8, 2024

We welcome you as we gather for worship services this Lord's Day. May we hear the voice of the Chief Shepherd while we gather to hear His Word.

Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

- A nationwide revival
- Our persecuted brothers and sisters
- Those burdened and afflicted
- PCS, GCA and PRTS
- Expecting parents
- Leona Timmer's medical needs
- Albert VandenBogerd with his continual needs
- Anna Stryd in her decline

Announcement

- The Comstock Community Center is requesting a few volunteers to help deliver their Christmas food hampers and gifts to seniors in the area starting the afternoon of Dec. 17th. Let Arielle know if you are interested or have any questions! 269.224.7842

Dates & Events D.V.

- **Dec 10** Dr. Kelderman's presentation was moved to January 22, 2025.
- **Dec 11** The Cadets are meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Dec 14** The Kalamazoo Chorus will present a Christmas concert at 321 W South Street, First Presbyterian Church, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Dec 25** There will be a Christmas service at 9:30 a.m.
- **Dec 29** Student Dan Schipper will preach for us in the evening service.

Did the Word become flesh? (John 1:14). Then he is one who can be touched with the feeling of his people's infirmities, because he has suffered himself, being tempted. He is almighty, because he is God, and yet he can feel with us, because he is man. Did the Word become flesh? Then he can supply us with a perfect pattern and example for our daily life. Had he walked among us as an angel or a spirit, we would never have copied him. But having dwelt among us as a man, we know that the true standard of holiness is to *'walk even as he walked'*. He is a perfect pattern, because he is God. But he is also a pattern exactly suited to our wants, because he is man.

It is Christ alone who supplies all the spiritual wants of all believers. It is written that *'Of his fulness have we all received, and grace for grace'*. There is an infinite fullness in Jesus Christ... *'In him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge'*. There is laid up in him, as in a treasury, a boundless supply of all that any sinner can need... He is rich in mercy, grace, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. Out of Christ's fulness have believers in every age of the world been supplied.

-- J.C. Ryle

Nursery

Dec 8 a.m. Infants: Jess Thies, Madi DeVries
Toddlers: Kaarli Kleppe, Maelle Timmermans
Dec 8 p.m. Infants: Carolyn DeVries, Vivian Kleppe
Toddlers: Jenessa Kleyn, Cali VanDyke
Dec 15 a.m. Infants: Rachael Blok, Macy VanDyke
Toddlers: Lynette Timmer, Tenley Blok
Dec 15 p.m. Infants: Hannah Greendyk, Naomi V
Toddlers: Alexa Schipper, Hailey DeVries

Greeter

Morning

Evening

Dec 8 Jared S
Dec 15 Joseph V
Dec 22 Tim N

Bryan K
Tim D
Fred D

Collections

The Education Fund will be collected each Sunday. May the Lord bless our offerings.

Dec 8 – General

Dec 15 – Discretionary

Dec 22 – Parsonage

Please send in requests for prayer or announcements to:

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The 2nd Advent is still earth's brightest hope. 'Come quickly, even so, come, Lord Jesus'. C.H. Spurgeon